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**From:** Glenn, William [REDACTED] **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy**  
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**Sent:** 10/16/2019 7:19:15 PM  
**To:** Nick Welsh [nick@independent.com]  
**CC:** Stoker, Michael B. [stoker.michael@epa.gov]; Alpern, Michael [Alpern.Michael@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: request for information

Hi Nick,

Here's the agency's statement regarding the notice of violation to the SFPUC.

Best,

Bill

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has notified the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission that it has identified violations of the City and County of San Francisco's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits regulating discharges from the city's wastewater treatment plants, 36 combined sewer discharge facilities and its combined sewer system, based on inspections and field visits in 2015 and 2016, and subsequently gathered information, such as monitoring data. As the notice explains, the failure to properly operate and maintain the City's sewage collection and treatment facilities creates public health risks. For example, lack of proper operation and maintenance has caused force main and pump station failures that have diverted substantial volumes of raw and partially-treated sewage to flow across beaches and into the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. EPA expects San Francisco to share its concern for the protection of public health and surface water resources and to address its ongoing Clean Water Act violations with significant and meaningful measures to ensure a prompt return to full compliance.

The notice of violation can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/ca/city-and-county-san-francisco-npdes-notice-violation-october-2-2019>

Information from EPA's Environmental Compliance History Online

Southeast Plant: <https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110043091301>

Oceanside Plant: <https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110055972023>

National Compliance Initiative: Keeping Raw Sewage and Contaminated Stormwater Out of Our Nation's Waters

<https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/national-compliance-initiative-keeping-raw-sewage-and-contaminated-stormwater-out-our>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stoker, Michael B. <[stoker.michael@epa.gov](mailto:stoker.michael@epa.gov)>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 11:44 AM  
To: Nick Welsh <[nick@independent.com](mailto:nick@independent.com)>  
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Nick,

I can not comment on pending actions. I have forwarded this email to our Office of Public Affairs. As for the NOV it speaks for itself. I stand by my comments in The NY Times and what is in the NOV I signed and issued. I can't provide any additional comments.

Bill can you please email Mr. Welsh the NOV and provide him any additional information your able to on your end.

Best regards,  
Mike Stoker  
Southwest Region Administrator US-EPA  
(213) 215-3104

> On Oct 16, 2019, at 10:55 AM, Nick Welsh <nick@independent.com> wrote:  
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> Hello Mike  
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> Having read this mornings NYT article relating to alleged disagreements between the national EPA and the regional office over the impacts of human feces on water quality, I am requesting any documentation that was provided by Secretary Wheeler or his staff during his recent visit to you or your staff relating to the impacts of human feces on water quality.  
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> In the same vein, I am seeking any reports, documents, meeting minutes that would reflect information generated by your own staff on the same subject--impacts of human feces to water quality--to Secretary Wheeler and his staff.  
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> I am seeking any notes or minutes of any meetings that took place at the so-called "all hands on deck" meeting described by the NYT that would reflect what was said and by whom on this matter.  
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> Many thanks  
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> Nick Welsh  
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